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JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

The managers on the part of the House and Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1) a bill making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes, submit the following joint statement to the House and Senate in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the managers and recommended in the accompanying conference report.

The Senate amendment to the text deleted the entire House bill after the enacting clause and inserted the Senate bill. This conference agreement includes a revised bill.

The conference agreement designates amounts in the Act as emergency requirements pursuant to section 204(a) of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress) and section 301(b)(2) of S. Con. Res. 70 (110th Congress), the concurrent resolutions on the budget for fiscal years 2008 and 2009. All applicable provisions in the Act are designated as an emergency for purposes of pay-as-you-go principles.

DIVISION A – APPROPRIATIONS PROVISIONS

TITLE III - DEFENSE

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS, DEFENSE

Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization covers expenses associated with maintaining the physical plant at Department of Defense posts, camps and stations. The conference agreement provides \$4,240,000,000 for Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization and directs that this funding shall only be available for facilities in the United States and its territories. Further, of the funds provided, \$400,000,000 is for the Defense Health Program as described elsewhere in this statement. Of the funds provided in Operation and Maintenance, Army, \$153,500,000 shall be used for barracks renovations. The remainder of the funds provided shall be used to invest in energy efficiency projects and to repair and modernize Department of Defense facilities. The Secretary of Defense shall provide a written report to the congressional defense committees no later than 60 days after the passage of this Act with a project listing of how these funds will be obligated. (enactment)

NEAR TERM ENERGY EFFICIENCY TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATIONS AND RESEARCH

The conference agreement provides \$75,000,000 for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army; \$75,000,000 for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy; \$75,000,000 for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force; and \$75,000,000 for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide only for the funding of research, development, test and evaluation projects, including pilot projects, demonstrations and energy efficient manufacturing enhancements. Funds are for improvements in energy generation and efficiency, transmission, regulation, storage, and for use on military installations and within operational forces, to include research and development of energy from fuel cells, wind, solar, and other renewable energy sources to include biofuels and bioenergy. The Secretary of Defense is directed to provide a report to the congressional defense committees detailing the planned use of these funds within 60 days after enactment of this Act. Additionally, the Secretary of Defense is directed to provide a report on the progress made by this effort to the congressional defense committees not later than one year after enactment of this Act and an additional report not later than two years after enactment of this Act.

DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

The conference agreement provides \$400,000,000 for Facilities Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization. Of these funds, \$220,000,000 shall be for the Army, \$50,000,000 shall be for the Navy, and \$130,000,000 shall be for the Air Force. Funds shall be used to invest in energy efficiency projects and to improve, repair and modernize military medical facilities in the United States and its territories. The Service Surgeons General~~s~~ shall provide written reports to the congressional defense committees no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act with a project listing of how and when these funds will be obligated. e

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TITLE X - MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Job creation.—The conferees note that the Associated General Contractors of America estimates that each \$1,000,000,000 in non-residential construction spending will create or sustain 28,500 jobs. Based on this estimate and data provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, the conferees estimate that the construction funds and other programs in this Act will create or sustain 97,200 jobs.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

The conferees agree to provide \$180,000,000, instead of \$920,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$637,875,000 as proposed by the Senate. Within the amount, the conferees agree to provide \$80,000,000 for child development centers and \$100,000,000 for warrior transition complexes.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

The conferees agree to provide \$280,000,000, instead of \$350,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$990,092,000 as proposed by the Senate. Within the amount, the conferees agree to provide \$100,000,000 for troop housing, \$80,000,000 for child development centers, and \$100,000,000 for energy conservation and alternative energy projects.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

The conferees agree to provide \$180,000,000, instead of \$280,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$871,332,000 as proposed by the Senate. Within the amount, the conferees agree to provide \$100,000,000 for troop housing and \$80,000,000 for child development centers.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

The conferees agree to provide \$1,450,000,000, instead of \$3,750,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$118,560,000 as proposed by the Senate. Within the amount, the conferees agree to provide \$1,330,000,000 for the construction of hospitals and \$120,000,000 for the Energy Conservation Investment Program.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

The conferees agree to provide \$50,000,000, instead of \$140,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$150,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

The conferees agree to provide \$50,000,000, instead of \$70,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$110,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

The conferees agree to provide no funds as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$100,000,000 as proposed by the House.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE

The conferees agree to provide no funds as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$30,000,000 as proposed by the House.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

The conferees agree to provide no funds as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$60,000,000 as proposed by the House.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

The conferees agree to provide \$34,507,000, instead of no funds as proposed by the House and \$34,570,000 as proposed by the Senate.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

The conferees agree to provide \$3,932,000 as proposed by the Senate, instead of no funds as proposed by the House.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

The conferees agree to provide \$80,100,000 as proposed by the Senate, instead of no funds as proposed by the House.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

The conferees agree to provide \$16,461,000 as proposed by the Senate, instead of no funds as proposed by the House.

HOMEOWNERS ASSISTANCE FUND

The conferees agree to provide \$555,000,000, instead of no funds as proposed by the House and \$410,973,000 as proposed by the Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT 1990

The conferees agree to provide no funds as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$300,000,000 as proposed by the House.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The conferees agree to include a provision (Sec. 1001) as proposed by the Senate, with technical changes, providing for a temporary expansion of homeowners assistance to respond to the foreclosure and credit crisis.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

The conferees agree to provide no funds as proposed by the House, instead of \$5,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

1,000 The conferees agree to provide ~~\$850~~,000,000, instead of \$950,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$1,370,459,000 as proposed by the Senate.

NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

The conferees agree to provide \$50,000,000 as proposed by the House, instead of \$64,961,000 as proposed by the Senate.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

The conferees agree to provide \$150,000,000 for a temporary increase in claims processing staff, instead of no funds as proposed by the House and \$1,125,000 as proposed by the Senate for contract administration.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

The conferees agree to provide \$50,000,000 for the Veterans Benefits Administration, instead of no funds as proposed by the House and \$195,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The conferees agree to provide \$1,000,000 as proposed by the House, instead of \$4,400,000 as proposed by the Senate.